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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. IN MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRES AHIDJO JULY 17, I TOOK OCCASION TO OUTLINE US POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO UN COMMAND (UNC). FACT THAT NKOREAN DEL (REF C) WAS WAITING IN ANTEROOM TO CALL ON PRES AFTER MY APPT PROVIDED TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ISSUE.

2. IN MY PRESENTATION, I DREW HEAVILY ON REF A, STRESSING US WILLINGNESS TO HAVE UNC DISSOLVED PROVIDED ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO PRESERVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN THE BASIS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS. I ALSO POINTED OUT IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN UNC AND US FORCE PRESENCE IN SKOREA.

3. PRES NOTED MY EXPLANATIONS BUT VOLUNTEERED NO COMMENT, AND I DID NOT PRESS HIM. I HAD OPENED DISCUSSION BY SAYING I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR HIM TO KNOW US POSITION AS HE WLD BE SEEING NKOREAN DEL.

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4. IN SUBSEQUENT FAREWELL CALL ON SENGAT-KUO JULY 18, I ALSO

RAISED KOREAN QUESTION (SENGAT-KUO NOW HAS TITLE OF MINISTER IN CHARGE OF MISSIONS AT PRESIDENCY WITH MAIN RESPONSIBILITY AS ADVISOR ON CAMEROON'S FOREIGN RELATIONS). I AGAIN REPEATED US POSITION IN SOME DETAIL, EXPLAINING THAT DURING PAST THREEE YEARS AT ABOUT THIS SAME TIME WE TWO HAD DISCUSSED THE KOREAN PROBLEM AND THAT PRESENCE OF NKOREAN DEL IMPELLED ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY FAREWELL CALL TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE ON THIS POSITION.

5. SENGAT-KUO, AFTER HEARING MY EXPOSITION, REPLIED THAT AS AN IMMEDIATE REACTION HE COULD SAY HE THOUGHT THE US POSITION AND INITIATIVE WAS A HELPFUL ONE. IT HAD APPEARED TO HIM THAT NKOREAN EFFORTS IN UNGA THIS YEAR WOULD RECEIVE MAJORITY SUPPORT AND HENCE IT WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR US AND SKOREA TO SHOW FORTHCOMING AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE. AS IN PAST, HE SHOWED FULL AWARENESS OF DISTINCTION BETWEEN UNC AND US MILITARY FORCES IN SKOREA UNDER BILATERAL DEFENSE TREATY. HE COMMENTED THAT GURC HAD BEEN CONCERNED, IN WAKE OF VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENTS, THAT NKOREAN MIGHT DECIDE TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK AGAINST SKOREA, BUT HE HAD IMPRESSION THIS RISK WAS RECEDING. I REPLIED THAT THE SECDEF AND OTHERS HAD OBVIOUSLY MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF WARNING NKOREA OF RISKS OF MISJUDGING IMPORTANCE US ATTACHED TO SKOREA.

6. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING PRINCIPLE OF SKOREAN SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO CONCLUDE DEFENSE TREATY WITH US, HE MADE OBSERVATION THAT WHAT NON-ALIGNED WORLD WOULD LIKE TO SEE WOULD BE TWO KOREAS, WITHOUT OIUTSIDE INFLUENCES, WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD UNIFY THE COUNTRY UNDER CONDITIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. BOTH SIDES NOW FEEL MISTRUST OF EACH OTHER WHILE AT SAME TIME, BECAUSE OF EXTERNAL SUPPORT, BOTH MAY BE LESS PREPARED THAN OTHERWISE WOULD BE CASE SERIOUSLY TO TRY TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS.

7. COMMENT: IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT ULTIMATE GURC DECISION ON US OR OTHER RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY BE PRESENTED AT UNGA. GURC OBVIOUSLY WOULD PREFER SITUATION IN WHICH IT DID NOT HAVE TO TAKE POSITION FAVORING ONE SIDE OVER OTHER. AT SAME TIME, IT IS ALWAYS UNCOMFORTABLE AT THOUGHT OF BEING OUT OF STEP WITH MAINSTREAM OF NON-ALIGNED.

8. SKOREAN EMB HAS ALSO MADE APPROACHES TO GURC ON NEW US/ROK
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INITIATIVE AND HAS SUPPLIED IT TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AND STATEMENT OF ROK FONMIN OF JUNE 27. AMB YOON EXPECTS TO FOLLOW UP WITH SENGAT-KUO UPON LATTER'S RETURN TO YAOUNDE SEVERAL WEEKS HENCE.

9. EMB WILL REPORT BY SEPTTEL ON NKOREAN DEL VISIT.
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